

NEW SOUTH WALES.

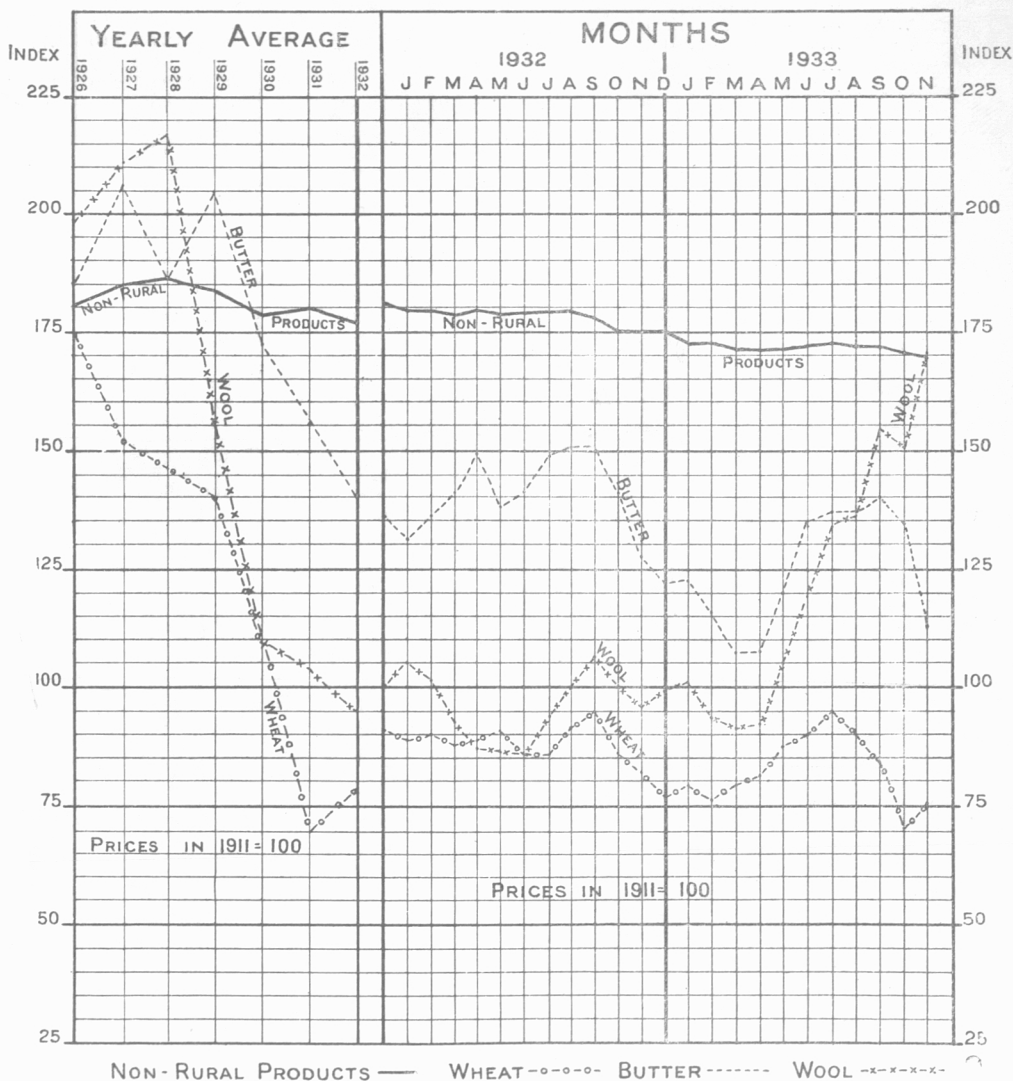
MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS.

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INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES (SYDNEY).

Average for year 1911 = 100.



All prices are in Australian currency. The indexes for recent months are shown in table 24 on page 11 of this summary. The footnotes to that table apply also to this graph.

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[Price, 3d.]

SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.
(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1932.													
April ...	151	116	200	153	157	111	132	216	181	108	66	86	94
May ...	61	37	46	130	57	60	36	42	43	96	101	65	93
June ...	45	50	63	43	59	44	51	86	72	52	52	14	47
July ...	77	80	100	74	85	76	76	95	87	44	134	119	77
August ...	39	90	166	93	101	45	96	160	129	32	61	157	55
September ...	239	197	96	106	166	241	183	103	141	213	274	220	230
October ...	97	63	47	25	63	109	69	41	57	99	79	91	93
November ...	126	127	101	111	117	115	139	99	112	101	113	143	110
December ...	51	61	60	31	54	64	66	55	59	29	42	104	42
1933.													
January ...	165	100	136	58	126	172	106	153	143	140	122	236	148
February ...	39	9	1	27	17	32	11	1	7	38	21	14	31
March ...	27	63	46	34	44	43	63	50	53	47	48	86	52
April ...	69	123	79	58	86	50	130	75	86	187	151	77	164
May ...	112	78	76	73	86	91	73	71	74	58	40	83	56
June ...	103	56	65	32	69	105	55	62	65	210	154	74	178
July ...	227	129	114	113	150	228	122	108	127	216	200	100	197
August ...	60	30	53	75	51	50	36	57	50	16	12	54	20
September ...	160	187	142	150	161	147	170	146	152	184	216	89	180
October ...	213	136	68	91	131	232	124	67	102	161	228	96	170
November ...	184	194	182	382	208	183	187	193	190	172	125	177	161

N.—Northern; S.—Southern; C.—Central; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

Copious rainfall has restored favourable seasonal conditions over practically the whole of the State.

2. WOOL.

Receivals of wool in the current season to date are 12 per cent. less than the record totals of the corresponding months last year. Full clearances have been made at auctions in a market which has risen by 76 per cent. above the average greasy price of the past three seasons.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Period.	Number of bales sold.			Amount realised for wool sold.		
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1931.	1932.	1933.
Five months ended 30th November* ...	517,454	505,037	529,255	£ 5,790,704	£ 5,793,919	£ 9,793,048

Number of Bales Received into Store.

	During Month.			Total for Season to end of Month.		
July ...	31,672	52,218	47,476	31,672	52,218	47,476
August ...	203,140	240,365	192,746	234,812	292,583	240,222
September ...	332,320	283,411	268,143	567,132	575,994	508,365
October ...	291,250	286,955	236,951	858,382	862,949	745,316
November ...	180,321	177,429	165,939	1,038,703	1,040,378	911,255

Number of Bales in Store Unsold.

30th November ...	537,892	579,517	394,355
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* Including carry over from previous season.

The course of wool prices is shown in Table 24.

3. WHEAT.

On 26th November, 1933, 1,420,000 bushels of old season's wheat were stored on railway premises, including 918,000 bushels on sites in the metropolis. The carry-over is normal.

Pending final returns the interim total of the crop harvested in the State in 1932-33 is estimated at 78,389,000 bushels. The estimated area sown with wheat for grain and hay in New South Wales in the season 1933-34 was 4,838,000 acres. A forecast (4th November, 1933), by the Director of Marketing, was that the crop would be 49,046,000 bushels, adverse seasonal conditions having affected crop prospects subsequent to the first forecast.

WHEAT AND FLOUR EXPORTED OVERSEA FROM NEW SOUTH WALES (DIRECT).

Month.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1930-31.	1931-32.	1932-33.
Bushels of Wheat.			Tons of Flour.			
April	3,862,418	1,853,165	1,184,170	17,845	17,046	16,499
May	3,026,073	1,305,925	635,482	19,779	21,293	15,080
June	3,207,287	263,930	1,382,372	17,043	10,959	14,656
July	3,959,155	611,053	2,221,918	12,055	19,500	20,984
August	793,757	38,900	2,078,362	17,405	14,389	14,320
September	567,378	1,499,403	1,168,833	13,972	20,895	15,586
October	578,468	1,514,257	1,117,700	20,260	20,481	19,418
November	1,148,855	1,189,420	1,259,795	20,584	14,300	17,896

WHEAT AND FLOUR.

Month.	Bushels of Wheat (Equivalent).			Value £.		
	1932.	1933.	1932.	1932.	1933.	1932.
December	3,593,337	4,537,605	7,101,449	487,866	737,355	1,039,656
January	3,387,859	5,830,820	6,750,537	432,109	986,683	981,122
February	4,226,878	6,273,300	9,019,564	447,882	1,013,169	1,258,224
March	8,209,881	4,674,823	5,603,643	923,968	735,213	806,092
April	4,712,172	2,664,881	1,969,815	525,948	433,343	277,630
May	3,967,911	2,319,877	1,353,556	489,707	373,318	198,201
June	4,018,877	785,799	2,080,293	449,064	120,914	314,021
July	4,533,184	1,539,648	3,221,139	474,846	237,894	522,171
August	1,622,557	724,117	2,760,274	190,422	102,039	455,993
September	1,232,695	2,494,393	1,911,033	134,243	426,193	310,724
October	1,543,213	2,489,533	2,042,371	168,754	406,926	282,134
November	2,129,025	1,870,351	2,111,988	288,826	281,642	283,322
Total (twelve months)	43,177,589	36,205,147	45,925,662	5,013,635	5,854,689	6,729,290

The course of wheat prices is shown in Table 24.

4. BUTTER.

The production of butter in 1932-33 was a record, which appears likely to be exceeded in the current year.

Month.	Output of Butter (New South Wales factories).		Butter exported overseas (New South Wales).			
	1932.	1933.	Quantity.		Value.	
			1932.	1933.	1932.	1933.
	Thousand lb.	Thousand lb.			£	£
Year ended 30th June ...	118,448	123,625	39,463	42,487	1,990,564	1,813,383
Total—January to June..	61,460	62,979	22,094	22,028	1,071,728	869,524
January	13,879	12,271	7,901	5,343	374,938	228,155
February	11,581	13,463	5,092	6,192	245,812	249,443
March	9,804	12,357	3,936	7,126	197,188	267,097
April	9,999	9,869	1,708	2,284	91,360	82,190
May	8,991	8,715	2,550	828	118,755	31,366
June	7,205	6,304	906	254	43,675	11,273
July	6,013	5,929	786	604	39,248	26,035
August	6,494	6,306	1,037	1,155	53,246	45,465
September	7,737	8,102	1,403	1,357	75,544	69,268
October	12,394	13,046	3,700	3,610	195,195	177,338
November	13,706	...	6,804	8,186	308,524	322,754

The course of butter prices is shown in Table 24. After a collapse extending from September, 1932, to April, 1933, the London butter market revived temporarily, but collapsed again in October, 1933. Export sales parity (Sydney) on 14th December, 1933, was 74s. per cwt. compared with 89s. per cwt. a year previously.

5. COAL.

In the absence of monthly records of production, the best available indications of trends in the industry are provided by railway haulings and exports :—

Month.	Coal Hauled by Government Railways.†			Coal Exported from New South Wales.†	
	1928.	1932.	1933.	1932.	1933.
	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.	tons.
Twelve months ended 31st December	6,198,971	4,609,416	...	2,368,092	...
April	427,279	377,698	336,798	191,103	200,664
May	572,078	386,360	473,995	186,555	237,107
June	515,271	396,098	433,589	207,015	214,259
July	585,437	417,092	400,236	198,794	193,438
August	568,620	369,320	440,452	182,229	215,005
September	428,865	414,916	380,503	192,443	174,425
October	498,005	370,451	398,280	216,454	215,000*
November	575,354	433,072	468,000*	240,935	256,000*
Total (January to November)...	5,742,249	4,246,603	4,510,662*	2,175,917	2,363,513*

* Approximate.

† Cargo and bunker, Oversea and interstate.

‡ Excludes coal used by the Railway Department and coal shipped or used in New South Wales without being hauled over Government railways.

6. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Tabulations embracing monthly returns from 42 large factories show the following results which afford some indication of trends in the manufacturing industry:—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.				Weekly Salaries and Wages.			
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
	Thousand £.				Hundreds.				Hundred £.			
January...	2,553	1,982	1,822	1,996	180	135	137	152	776	542	497	545
February	2,630	1,993	2,108	2,098	179	140	141	156	769	535	519	559
March ...	2,607	1,977	2,273	2,297	174	142	144	155	732	539	535	549
April ...	2,351	1,867	2,019	1,862	167	140	144	156	697	531	529	529
May ...	2,384	1,929	1,989	2,153	162	137	142	157	667	526	523	539
June ...	2,130	1,879	1,823	1,964	159	137	139	155	638	506	501	536
July ...	2,312	1,986	1,887	1,987	153	135	142	160	620	516	520	552
August ...	2,071	1,845	2,058	2,176	152	136	150	162	598	514	554	563
September	2,131	1,889	2,116	2,143	152	140	155	167	566	519	559	593
October ...	2,208	1,914	2,042	2,198	150	142	156	171	555	539	556	605
November	2,204	2,050	2,326	...	149	142	156	...	553	528	560	...
December	2,222	2,265	2,375	...	141	142	155	...	596	527	587	...
Average (January -October)	2,338	1,926	2,014	2,087	163	138	145	159	662	527	529	557

7. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

Value of Permits to Erect New Buildings and Additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and Shire Councils, Government buildings are excluded) :—

Year.	Month of November.				September Quarter.			
	Sydney and Suburbs.		City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.	Country Municipalities.		Total, New South Wales.*	
	Total New Buildings and Additions.		New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings.	New Buildings.		New Buildings and Additions.	
				No. Value.	No. Value.			
1931	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1932	63,169	10,766	32	27,984	195	91,083	403,516	...
1933	177,598	64,901	76	80,380	313	171,518	683,247	...
1933	277,457	37,700	141	177,234	429	230,456	1,342,139	...

* Including seven Shires adjoining Metropolitan Area. All other Shires are excluded, as returns are not supplied.

Figures as to permits to erect new buildings or additions show in advance the trend in the building industry. More detailed information extending over a number of years is shown on pages 21 to 24 of the "New South Wales Statistical Bulletin" for September quarter, 1933.

SECTION B.—TRADE.

8. VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE.*

To and from New South Wales direct Oversea.

Year.	Australian Currency Values.				British Currency Values.			
	Month of November.		Five Months ended 30th November.		Month of November.		Five Months ended 30th November.	
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.
Thousand £ Australian.								
1931	1,826	3,540	9,623	12,435	1,405	2,713	7,402	9,528
1932	2,597	3,311	12,724	12,353	2,073	2,643	10,159	9,863
1933	2,570	5,971	12,566	18,457	2,052	4,767	10,032	14,736
Thousand £ sterling.								

* Excluding bullion and specie.

The value of imports of merchandise in October, 1933 was £A.2,517,000 and £stg.2,009,000.

The values of imports represent the cost f.o.b. port of export plus 10 per cent., and are recorded in *English currency*. The values of exports are the values in the principal markets of New South Wales, less bonuses on butter, &c., and are recorded in *Australian currency*. The respective equivalent values in Australian and British currencies shown above are *estimated*.

9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Recorded Sales (New South Wales) under Sales Tax Act.

Month.	1931.			1932.			1933.		
	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
Million £.									
January	4.20	5.13	9.33	4.53	5.36	9.89	4.05	5.47	9.52
February	4.56	5.15	9.71	4.76	4.76	9.52	4.49	5.49	9.98
March	4.82	4.82	9.64	5.05	4.50	9.55	4.97	5.95	10.92
April	5.27	6.10	11.37	5.39	4.78	10.17	5.00	5.67	10.67
May	5.16	4.65	9.81	5.03	5.14	10.17	5.35	6.02	11.37
June	5.64	5.07	10.71	4.67	4.94	9.61	4.76	5.87	10.63
July	4.63	5.02	9.65	4.66	5.43	10.09	4.55	5.78	10.33
August	4.68	4.42	9.10	5.01	5.21	10.22	5.08	6.15	11.23
September	4.81	5.64	10.45	5.42	5.68	11.10	5.79	5.72	11.51
October	4.84	5.63	10.47	5.17	5.96	11.13	5.53	5.77	11.30
November	4.80	5.71	10.51	5.25	5.80	11.05	...	...	...
December	4.91	6.56	11.47	5.36	6.40	11.76	...	...	...

The rate of tax was increased on 11th July, 1931, and a considerable number of commodities was exempt from tax as from 1st September, 1932.

10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from 23 city stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for months shown below compared with corresponding months of previous year :—

Month.		Number of Business Days in Month.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
		Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
1933.				Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—).					
January	...	23	24	(+) 1.7	(—) 2.3	(+) 0.5	(+) 9.1	(+) 4.7	(+) 3.1
February	...	25	24	(—) 3.2	(—) 2.4	(—) 6.3	(+) 9.2	(—) 0.6	(—) 1.2
March	...	24†	27†	(—) 0.1†	(+) 2.2	(—) 10.1	(+) 6.5	(—) 0.6	(—) 5.5
April	...	25†	22†	(—) 3.5†	(—) 0.4	(—) 3.1	(+) 7.0	(—) 2.3	(—) 6.6
May	...	26	27	(+) 1.6	(—) 0.2	(+) 1.2	(+) 5.8	(—) 0.6	(—) 4.3
June	...	25†	25†	(—) 3.2†	(—) 2.1	(—) 2.5	(+) 2.1	(—) 1.6	(—) 1.5
July	...	26†	26†	(—) 6.6†	(—) 1.2	(—) 5.0	(+) 1.6	(—) 2.7	(—) 2.2
August	...	27	27	(+) 1.6	(—) 1.1	(—) 7.7	(+) 2.3	(—) 3.1	(—) 5.1
September	...	26	26	(+) 0.9	(—) 4.0	(—) 3.6	(+) 3.0	(—) 1.8	(—) 5.4
October	...	25	25	(+) 6.4	(—) 4.9	(+) 3.7	(+) 2.5	(+) 2.9	(—) 2.8

† March, 1932, included Easter and the Bridge Opening Festival; March, 1933, April, 1932, June, 1933, July, 1932, and September, 1932 and 1933, each included five Fridays.

SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

11. RAILWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were :—

	Month of October.			Four months ended 31st October.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1931 ...	1,377,321	1,001,613	375,708	5,094,179	4,060,088	1,034,091
1932 ...	1,331,413	948,322	383,091	5,125,207	3,948,519	1,176,688
1933 ...	1,348,392	918,765	429,627	5,089,371	3,654,137	1,435,234

* Interest and Sinking Fund on loan capital are not included as working expenses.

The amount of interest chargeable against the railways in 1932-33 was £6,352,581, exclusive of £1,191,937 exchange.

	Month of October.		Four months ended 31st October.	
	Net Goods Ton-mileage.*	Passenger Journeys.	Net Goods Ton-mileage.*	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1931 ...	117,695	9,824	464,026	39,660
1932 ...	101,898	11,858	436,722	44,958
1933 ...	121,010	11,823	489,254	44,433

*Goods (including wayleave) and live stock. Ton-mileage represents the weight times the distance (miles) it was carried.

During 1932-33 certain rail freights and workmen's weekly fares were reduced.

12. TRAMWAYS.

NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMWAYS.

	Sydney and Suburbs.			Newcastle and Suburbs.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers Carried. ††	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers Carried.
Year ended 30th June,	£	£		£	£	
1933 ...	3,058,696	442,543	267,898,927	208,151	43,433	18,994,387
1932.						
October† ...	234,904	14,121	22,196,205	17,706	3,676	1,599,337
November ...	246,400	34,497	22,772,571	17,186	3,788	1,585,162
December ...	273,584	49,446	24,718,456	19,278	5,886	1,773,180
1933.						
January ...	273,753	58,268	22,623,515	18,396	5,167	1,627,242
February ...	242,430	34,489	21,444,587	16,522	4,021	1,486,857
March ...	268,229	55,333	23,677,344	18,212	5,508	1,637,065
April ...	254,713	49,431	22,633,397	16,495	2,350	1,520,184
May ...	250,563	35,014	22,226,243	17,519	4,223	1,589,914
June ...	234,987	32,633	21,155,880	16,444	1,703	1,540,863
July ...	235,010	33,088	21,070,407	17,138	3,806	1,574,258
August ...	246,069	49,012	21,086,881	16,362	3,540	1,487,016
September ...	239,909	44,478	21,163,769	16,765	4,775	1,537,881
October ...	250,187	53,808	22,474,578	17,519	4,474	1,603,717
November ...	244,061	47,751	21,824,711	17,583	5,321	1,626,604

* Interest and Sinking Fund on loan capital are not included as working expenses. The amount of interest chargeable against the tramways in 1931-32 was £412,700, exclusive of exchange. † Tram fares in Metropolitan area were reduced as from 1st October 1932: †† Excludes passengers carried on Sydney Harbour Bridge Section only.

13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.), AS AT VARIOUS DATES.†

Class.	30th June—			31st December, 1932.§	30th June, 1933.	30th September, 1933.	31st October, 1933.	30th November, 1933.
	1930.	1931.	1932.					
Cars	169,495	154,096	143,970	146,582	147,647	148,598	149,329	150,379
Lorries and Vans ...	45,309	41,788	38,618	40,890	42,335	43,680	44,092	44,809
Cycles	29,410	25,453	22,741	22,808	22,397	22,214	22,192	22,295
Buses	640	676	362	360	415	437	436	443
Cabs	1,340	1,078	1,070	1,068	1,066	1,051	1,050	1,049

† Government vehicles (except omnibuses) are excluded.

Average Weekly Number of New Cars Registered.*

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1930 ...	394	361	285	200	199	196	181	183	135	141	141	132
1931 ...	78	83	69	88	59	55	47	45	45	55	60	53
1932 ...	55	61	63	58	55	53	61	71	67	93	96	122†
1933 ...	74	81	89	96	88	94	95	112	132	138	146	...

* Represents average for four weeks ending on first Tuesday in succeeding month until October, 1932; subsequent periods end on first Friday in ensuing month.

† Average for 3½ weeks ended 30th.

§ Increase in registrations in December was mainly due to change of system of registration.

SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

14. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (N.S.W.).

Date.	Amount of Deposits.	Date.	Amount of Deposits.	
			1932.	1933.
1929—June 30	£ 85,727,514†	January 31	£ 72,068,911*	£ 71,262,764*
1930—March 31	80,723,561	February 29	71,259,468*	71,334,540*
June 30	82,465,430†	March 31	70,766,850	71,253,452
September 30	78,552,912	April 30	69,678,291*	70,990,580*
December 31	73,406,775	May 31	69,490,437*	70,685,762*
1931—March 31	70,773,167	June 30	71,047,869†	72,307,685†
June 30	69,810,769†	July 31	71,172,593*	72,308,525*
September 30	71,448,529	August 31	71,082,991*	72,309,000*
December 31	72,503,441	September 30	70,906,662	72,357,678*
		October 31	70,774,187*	72,453,208*
		November 30	70,584,243*	...
		December 31	70,298,583	...

* Approximate.

† Includes accrued interest.

15. TRADING BANKS—ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS (N.S.W.).

(TOTAL (including Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and including Government Business).)

September Quarter.				Deposits.	Advances, &c., and Government Securities.	Excess of Advances over Deposits, &c.
				thousand £	thousand £	thousand £
1931	...	...	...	118,711	135,051	16,340
1932	...	...	...	107,567	141,106	33,539
1933	...	...	...	112,145	141,883	29,738

16. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government Deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

September Quarter.		Deposits.			Advances, &c.	Excess of Advances over Deposits.	Ratio of Advances to Deposits
		Bearing Interest (Fixed).	Not Bearing Interest (Current).	Total.			
		thousand £	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £	per cent.
1931	...	61,202	33,424	94,626	96,808	2,182	102.3
1932	...	56,777	33,133	89,910	93,384	3,474	103.9
1933	...	57,977	35,099	93,076	93,591	515	100.6

17. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1929.	1930.	1931.*	1932.*	1933.*	1929.	1930.	1931.*	1932.*	1933.*
Amount—Million £						Index Numbers.				
January ...	86.2	78.2	67.4	46.7†	49.2†	1038	990	809	622†	683†
February ...	88.1	75.5	63.8	47.3†	47.7†	1047	958	808	617†	655†
March ...	89.8	83.7	69.9	42.7†	53.3†	1058	950	807	617†	636†
April ...	89.7	68.6	62.4	43.5†	44.4†	1093	926	811	617†	617†
May ...	89.7	76.7	54.0	46.1†	58.9†	1087	920	768	657†	657†
June ...	84.8	71.7	57.1	51.8†	52.4†	1089	893	741	655†	668†
July ...	88.8	73.7	48.9	46.8†	49.7†	1061	895	663	631†	677†
August ...	84.1	58.4	45.5	46.0†	48.5†	1078	850	648	634†	659†
September ...	78.7	61.7	54.6	51.3†	55.6†	1073	825	643	646†	687†
October ...	89.1	71.5	56.0	53.5†	55.4†	1057	802	655	664†	701†
November ...	85.5	65.8	50.6†	55.3†	64.0†	1026	806	658†	680†	736†
December ...	88.9	86.8	52.9†	57.7†	...	1014	803	635†	680†	...
Year ...	1,043.3	872.4	683.1†	588.7†	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Adjusted by elimination of abnormal transactions on account of Governments.

† Unadjusted on account of amalgamation.

‡ Adjusted on account of amalgamation.

§ State Government banking transactions suspended. Index not ascertainable.

Inter-bank clearings are regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the general volume of business transactions provided they are considered in conjunction with changes in price levels.

The index represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926–1930. This average is represented by 1,000 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels.

18. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

			Month of November.		Eleven Months ended 30th November.	
			Consideration of Sales.	Amount of Mortgages.*	Consideration of Sales.	Amount of Mortgages.*
			£	£	£	£
1931	...	...	769,522	680,377	12,931,740	17,684,363
1932	...	...	1,218,735	692,731	11,275,507	8,057,087
1933	...	...	1,511,582	761,422	13,865,950	8,548,392

* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

The above comparison is affected by a decline in property values. Figures for individual months are shown in Table 49 of the Statistical Bulletin of New South Wales for September Quarter, 1933.

NOTE.—Mortgages and liens in some instances secure fluctuating advances, the amount of which is not recorded in the legal instruments. The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security of subsisting mortgages are included.

19. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

			Month of November.			Eleven months ended 30th November.		
			Crops	Wool.	Livestock.	Crops.	Wool.	Livestock.
			£	£	£	£	£	£
1931	...	...	186,706	198,808	116,738	5,267,131	3,487,846	2,409,337
1932	...	...	112,924	99,876	111,430	4,760,188	2,330,302	1,783,481
1933	...	...	79,693	87,223	55,949	4,057,832	2,434,347	976,116

See note under Table 18.

The numbers involved in liens and mortgages were as follow :—

Eleven months ended 30th November.			Number of Crop Liens.	Number of Sheep subject to Liens on Wool.*	Number of Livestock under Mortgage.		
					Sheep.*	Cattle.	Horses.
1931	...	...	12,167	10,847,573	8,701,441	112,728	24,145
1932	...	...	10,149	9,534,724	8,836,406	129,751	17,923
1933	...	...	8,375	9,090,403	6,047,910	135,358	14,215

* In many cases sheep are included under both headings.

20. BANKRUPTCIES

Sequestrations and Deeds of Arrangement, New South Wales.

Year.			Month of November.		Eleven months ended 30th November.	
			Number.	Liabilities.*	Number.	Liabilities.*
1931	...	...	76	£ 226,733	1,224	£ 2,756,248
1932	...	...	46	75,341	603	1,440,798
1933	...	...	63	120,904	610	967,448

* Gross liabilities before deducting assets.

SECTION E.—GENERAL.

21. UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

		February.	May.	August.	November.
		per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.
1929	...	9·7	10·0	12·4	13·8
1930	...	16·3	21·0	23·3	26·3
1931	...	29·2	30·7	31·6	31·5
1932	...	31·8	33·2	33·0	31·9
1933	...	30·2	29·6	28·8	...

The above figures are compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician from returns supplied by Trade Unions, and represent the proportion of unemployed members to total membership in unions reporting.

INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Data under this heading are now being compiled. The numbers of employees in 98 of the larger factories of the State were as follow:—

	Middle of Month.	1931.	1932.	1933.
		No.	No.	No.
July	32,399	36,114	39,189
August	32,065	37,418	39,902
September	32,468	38,381	40,780
October	33,392	38,415	42,136

Changes in the volume of employment in retail trades are indicated in Table 10.

22. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and the group averages are the means of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. It represents the ratio of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values.

Par Value of Shares = 100.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
July, 1929...	178·8	172·9	129·9	158·8	231·6	169·4	168·8
July, 1930...	112·5	102·8	109·6	87·9	172·6	112·6	111·2
1931.							
July ...	77·3	65·9	90·8	79·3	119·0	79·5	83·5
September§	72·3	60·2	87·9	75·2	121·3	74·4	77·2
1932.							
January ...	94·2	75·5	110·0	95·2	158·8	93·3	100·9
July ...	100·0	78·0	112·1	94·9	152·0	95·3	102·1
1933.							
January ...	114·4	90·2	131·9	106·2	163·3	107·0	115·4
February ...	116·4	92·1	133·6	103·6	164·6	108·6	117·3
March ...	115·2	91·6	132·8	100·4	164·9	108·3	116·3
April ...	116·8	91·3	130·8	102·9	165·2	109·2	117·3
May ...	122·5	95·0	134·4	112·1	169·6	114·0	121·8
June ...	129·1	99·3	138·3	119·6	176·6	119·3	127·2
July ...	130·8	102·9	139·6	124·3	182·5	121·3	129·0
August ...	132·3	104·7	138·3	129·6	183·3	122·5	130·3
September...	135·6	108·8	139·6	135·6	186·0	126·0	134·1
October ...	141·9	116·5	143·6	134·2	196·3	131·6	139·9
November	139·8	117·0	140·6	138·4	196·6	130·9	138·5

* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies.

§ The lowest point of the index was reached in September, 1931.

23. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).
(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
January ...	1,000	1,031	1,013	956	929	979
February ...	1,000	1,044	981	974	949	972
March ...	1,000	1,018	1,011	971	952	976
April ...	1,000	1,036	1,004	960	956	961
May ...	1,000	1,055	1,000	944	951	969
June ...	1,000	1,035	999	966	987	967
July ...	1,000	1,052	987	960	967	961
August ...	1,000	1,061	998	940	973	1,007
September ...	1,000	1,085	979	936	969	986
October ...	1,000	1,093	972	934	965	988
November ...	1,000	1,093	961	946	972	1,030
December ...	1,000	1,043	983	973	990	...
Average (12 months)	1,000	1,054	991	955	963	...

24. INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES (SYDNEY).

Average for year 1911 = 100 in all cases. Australian Currency.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.

Par = 100.

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter (Local Sales).	Non- Rural.‡	100 Com- modities Average.	Average Rates of Exchange.‡			
						Australia on London.	London on New York.	Australia on New York.	Australia on Paris.
1911* ...	100	100	100	100	100	100	...	...	...
1929* ...	162	140	204	184	186	102	100	102	100
1930* ...	109	110	172	178	170	100	100	106	105
1931* ...	105	70	154	180	155	128	109	140	137
1932* ...	96	88	140	177	152	125	139	174	172
1932—June ...	86	86	141	178	152	125	133	166	166
July... ..	94	86	149	178	152	125	137	171	169
August ...	100	92	151	178	153	125	140	174	173
September ...	107	95	151	177	153	125	140	175	173
October ...	100	86	141	175	152	125	143	179	177
November ...	96	83	128	175	150	125	148	185	183
December ...	99	77	123	175	149	125	149	185	183
1933—January ...	101	79	123	173	148	125	145	181	178
February ...	94	77	116	173	146	125	142	177	176
March ...	92	79	108	172	144	125	142	176	172
April ...	93	81	108	172	146	125	135	168	176
May ...	104	88	120	172	148	125	124	152	179
June ...	118	90	134	173	151	125	117	146	178
July ...	134	96	137	173	154	125	105	130	180
August ...	136	90	137	172	156	125	108	134	183
September ...	154	84	140	172	156	125	104	130	191
October ...	151	71	134	171	152	125	104	129	192
November ...	171	76	114	169	152	125	95	118	188
At 16th December	178	75	113	...	...	125	95	118	185

* Average for year.

‡ Approximate.

§ Includes only those (non-rural) primary, manufactured and imported commodities which are included in the index for 100 commodities. Highly manufactured articles are not included. The individual items are listed on pages 488 and 489 of the "Official Year Book of New South Wales" for 1920.

The decrease in prices as between the average for 1929 and November, 1933, was, respectively (per cent. of 1929 average):—Wheat, 46; butter, 44; non-rural, 8; 100 commodities, average, 18. The average price of wool in November, 1933, was 6 per cent. above the average for 1929.

25. OVERSEA WHOLESALE PRICE LEVELS.

	1931.	1932.		1933.										
	Sept.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Great Britain—Board of Trade (1924 = 100)	59.7	60.8	60.8	60.3	59.5	58.7	58.5	59.7	61.2	61.5	61.7	62.0	61.8	61.9
United States—Irrving Fisher (1926 = 100)	68.7	60.3	58.5	56.4	55.3	56.1	57.2	60.3	63.7	69.0	70.5	71.2	71.6	71.8*

Gold standard suspended by Great Britain 21st September, 1931, and by U.S.A. 6th March, 1933.

* Three weeks.

26. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Spot Prices of Metals (London Exchange, English Currency).

Date.	Gold* (Fine).	Silver (Standard).		Lead.	Spelter.		Tin (Standard).		Copper (Standard).	
	per oz.	per oz.		per ton.	per ton.		per ton.		per ton.	
	£ s. d.	s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Average, 1927-29 ...	4 4 11	2 1 75		22 18 11	26 4 4		240 1 8		64 19 5	
September, 1931 ...	4 11 3	1 2 10		11 19 7	11 16 4		117 17 10		31 11 1	
1933.										
April	6 0 8	1 6 44		10 19 11	15 1 7		158 0 4		29 12 5	
May	6 3 4	1 7 05		12 4 8	15 11 8		186 5 10		34 2 2	
June	6 2 3	1 7 08		13 8 6	16 17 7		220 1 8		36 16 1	
July	6 4 0	1 6 34		13 10 3	17 15 9		216 15 8		37 19 1	
August	6 5 9	1 5 88		12 6 5	16 19 0		215 5 11		36 2 3	
September	6 11 4	1 6 27		12 1 7	16 18 6		216 19 3		35 3 7	
October	6 11 7	1 6 22		11 19 1	16 9 1		223 10 8		33 13 11	
November	6 8 9	1 6 43		11 13 2	15 4 0		226 16 4		30 12 6	
December (1st to 16th) ...	6 6 1	1 6 58		11 10 4	14 15 5		227 13 9		30 8 6	

*The par price of gold is £4 4s. 11d. per oz. fine.

27. SUMMARY.

The following Table provides some indication of trends in 1933 in respect of the principal activities for which it is possible to indicate general trends by monthly figures:—

Refer to Table No. ...	17	9	6	5	7	11	23	12
Month.	Index of Bank Clearings.	Value of Goods sold at Wholesale.	Value of Goods sold by certain Factories.	Quantity of Coal Hauled by Railways.	Value of City and Suburban Building Permits. (d).	Number of Passenger Journeys on Railways.	Index of Quantity of Gas and Electricity Consumed.	Tramway Revenue.
1933.		£ (b)	£ (b)	tons (a)	£ (a)	(c)		£ (a)
January	683	952	200	360	190	113	979	292
February	655	998	210	387	140	102	972	259
March	636	1,092	230	431	175	108	976	286
April	617	1,067	186	337	257	111	961	271
May	657	1,137	215	474	160	113	969	268
June	668	1,063	196	434	367	110	967	251
July	677	1,033	199	400	329	112	961	252
August	659	1,123	218	440	319	106	1,007	262
September	687	1,151	214	381	295	108	986	257
October	701	1,130	220	398	223	118	988	268
November	736	...	...	468	277	...	1,030	262

(a) Thousands. (b) Ten thousands. (c) Hundred thousands. (d) New buildings and additions as recorded by Municipal Councils. Not comparable with series published previously in this column.

The general position in regard to primary industries might be gauged by reference to tables 1 to 4, and to the prices shown in the graph on page 1, and in table 24.

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